

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Abstract:

The Examiner objected to the Abstract of the disclosure for being greater than one paragraph. The abstract has been amended to consolidate the abstract to a single paragraph. The abstract was also amended to remove reference numerals contained therein and grammatical changes were made for purposes of clarification. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

II. Status of the Claims:

Claims 3-6 have been amended and no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claims 1, 2, and 7-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 10 and 11 have been added. No new matter is added.

Claims 3-6, 10 and 11 are pending.

III. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claim 3. In addition claims 10 and 11 have been added and depend from claim 3.

IV. Objections to the Claims:

The Examiner objected to claims 6, 8 and 9 for informalities. Claim 6 has been amended to address the objection made by the Examiner. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled rendering the objection moot with respect to these claims.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been amended to distinctly claim the features which the Applicant regards as the invention. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

VI. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0211900 to Novak et al (“Novak”). The Examiner contends that Novak discloses all of the features of the claimed invention. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

VII. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,237,193 to Skerker et al. (“Skerker”) and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0127644 to Jacob et al. (“Jacob”). Claims 5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak in view of Skerker and Jacob and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,413,243 to Griffin. Claims 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak in view of Kerker Jacob and Griffin and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0266546 to Huang and Korean Publication No. KR2003049007A to Lee.

Amended claims 4-6 depend from claim 3 and should be patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 3. Claims 7-9 have been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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